

February 21, 2005 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Kim Melcher Phone: (615) 371-1698 Ohio Valley Conference 215 Centerview Drive, Suite 115 Brentwood, Tennessee 37027 www.ovcsports.com

OVC STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	Hon
Tennessee Tech	10	4	.714	7-0
Eastern Kentucky	9	5	.643	6-
Murray State	9	5	.643	6-2
Samford	9	5	.643	6-
Austin Peay	9	5	.643	7-
Southeast Missouri	8	6	.571	5-
Tennessee State	7	7	.500	5-
Eastern Illinois	6	8	.429	4-2
Morehead State	5	9	.357	3-3
Tennessee-Martin	3	11	.214	1-1
Jacksonville State	2	12	.143	2-6

Conference							
W	L	PCT.	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Streak</u>		
10	4	.714	7-0	3-4	W2		
9	5	.643	6-1	3-4	W2		
9	5	.643	6-2	3-3	L1		
9	5	.643	6-1	3-4	L2		
9	5	.643	7-1	2-4	W2		
8	6	.571	5-1	3-5	L2		
7	7	.500	5-1	2-6	L1		
6	8	.429	4-2	2-6	L1		
5	9	.357	3-3	2-6	W1		
3	11	.214	1-7	2-4	W1		
2	12	.143	2-6	0-6	L2		

(Through games of Feb. 19)							
<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	PCT.	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Streak	
15	10	.600	11-0	3-9	1-1	W2	
17	8	.680	10-1	7-7	0-0	W2	
15	10	.600	10-3	4-7	1-0	W1	
14	11	.560	9-2	4-9	1-0	L2	
11	16	.407	7-5	2-9	2-2	L1	
13	12	.520	9-3	4-9	0-0	L2	
12	16	.429	8-2	2-14	2-0	L1	
11	14	.440	8-3	2-11	1-0	L1	
11	14	.440	7-4	3-10	1-0	W1	
6	19	.240	3-7	3-10	0-2	W1	
7	20	.259	6-6	0-11	1-3	L2	

OVERALL

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Tuesday, February 15

- *@Austin Peay 73, Jacksonville State 65
- *@Murray State 80, Tennessee-Martin 56

Thursday, February 17

- *@Austin Peay 76, Samford 60
- *Eastern Illinois 73, @Morehead State 71 (OT)
- *@Eastern Kentucky 83, Southeast Missouri 72
- *@Tennessee Tech 71, Jacksonville State 56
- *@Tennessee State 74, Murray State 68

Saturday, February 19

- @East Tennessee State 85, Austin Peay 81 Murray State 69, @Rice 63
- *@Eastern Kentucky 74, Eastern Illinois 72
- *@Morehead State 88, Southeast Missouri 66
- *@Tennessee Tech 70, Samford 62
- *Tennessee-Martin 74, @Tennessee State 68
- * OVC game

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, February 22

- *Eastern Kentucky at Morehead State 6:00 p.m.
- *Jacksonville State at Samford 7:00 p.m.
- *Austin Peay at Tennessee Tech 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 24

- *Murray State at Southeast Missouri 7:30 p.m.
- *Samford at Tennessee State 7:30 p.m.
- *Tennessee-Martin at Eastern Illinois 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, February 26

- *Austin Peay at Eastern Kentucky 6:30 p.m.
- *Tennessee Tech at Morehead State 6:45 p.m.
- *Murray State at Eastern Illinois 7:05 p.m.
- *Tennessee-Martin at Southeast Missouri 7:30 p.m.
- *Jacksonville State at Tennessee State 7:30 p.m.
- ***END OF REGULAR SEASON***
- * OVC game ALL TIMES CENTRAL

OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER

WILLIE JENKINS • F, SR., 6-6, 215 • MEMPHIS, TN • TENNESSEE TECH

Jenkins averaged 27.5 points and 5.0 rebounds a game last week while helping league-leading Tennessee Tech to key victories over Jacksonville State and Samford. A native of Memphis, Tenn., Jenkins opened the week by recording his third 30-point outing of the season with 31 against JSU, topping the 1,000-point career plateau in the process. He followed that up with 24 points and a career-high six steals versus Samford. For the week, the senior forward shot 45.9 percent from the field (17-of-37) while converting 16-of-21 (76.2%) free throw attempts.

NEWCOMER

ALONZO HIRD • C, JR., 6-9, 205 • DeLAND, FL • EASTERN KENTUCKY

Hird turned in his best two-game effort of the season, tallying 32 points and 19 rebounds in wins over Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois. Against Southeast, the junior center collected his third double-double of the year, scoring 12 points and pulling down a game-high 11 rebounds. Hird followed that with a career-high 20 points and eight rebounds in the EIU contest. For the week, the DeLand, Fla., native shot an impressive 68.2 percent from the field (15-of-22) and also blocked three shots.

FRESHMAN

BRANDON DAVIS • F, FR., 6-7. 195 • BIRMINGHAM, AL • JACKSONVILLE STATE

Davis, a freshman forward, posted identical games of 12 points and seven rebounds on the road last week in outings at Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech. The Birmingham, Ala., native shot 42.9 percent from the field for the week and was 6-of-10 at the free throw line while also registering three assists, one block and one steal for the Gamecocks.

2004-05 OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH (Selected by Head Basketball Coaches and Sports Information Directors)

1.	Murray State (19 first-place votes)	199
2.	Tennessee State (1 first-place vote)	166
3.	Eastern Kentucky (1 first-place vote)	148
4.	Tennessee Tech (1 first-place vote)	137
5.	Austin Peay	123
6.	Tennessee-Martin	116
t7.	Jacksonville State	92
t7.	Southeast Missouri	92
9.	Morehead State	52
10.	Samford	45
11.	Eastern Illinois	40

(*Schools were not allowed to rank their own team. Ten points awarded for a first-place vote, nine for second, etc.)



2005 O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Basketball Tournament

Nashville, Tennessee • March 4-5 Gaylord Entertainment Center

First Round: March 1 (at campus sites), times TBA

Semifinals: March 4 (at Nashville), 5:30 p.m. CT (ESPNU) and 8 p.m. CT

Championship: March 5 (at Nashville), 3 p.m. CT, ESPN2

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WEB SITE: For updated stats, standings, news and notes, log on to the official OVC site: **www.ovcsports.com**.

WEEKLY NOTES: The OVC will release its weekly men's basketball report each Monday throughout the season by 5 p.m. CT. The report is available by fax and e-mail, and is posted on the league's website in text and PDF versions. Statistics are available by fax and are updated throughout the week on the OVC web site.

2005-06 SIGNEES

AUSTIN PEAY

Drake Reed - F, 6'5, 210 - Clarksville, TN Landon Shiply - PG, 6'1, 140 - St. Louis, MO

EASTERN ILLINOIS

Billy Parrish - F, 6'4 - Naperville, IL

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Emmanuel Adako - P, 6'8, 215 - Decatur, GA Tyler Morris - G, 6'1, 175 - Indianapolis, IN

JACKSONVILLE STATE

DeAndrea Bray - G, 5'6, 160 - Atlanta, GA

MOREHEAD STATE

Cordaryl Ballard - G, 6'3, 185 - Columbus, OH Tyke Cockerham - G, 6'2, 175 - Indianapolis, IN Tristan Rogers - G/F, 6'4, 195 - Kokomo, IN

MURRAY STATE

Tyler Holloway - G, 6'1 - Decatur, AL

SAMFORD

None

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Tyrell Curry - F, 6'7, 215 - Tacoma, WA

TENNESSEE-MARTIN

Vashon Ingram - G, 6'4, 185 - Memphis, TN McKale Jones - C, 6'8, 255 - Memphis, TN

TENNESSEE STATE

Larry Turner - C, 6'11, 240 - Milledgeville, GA

TENNESSEE TECH

Francis Kabore - F, 6'6 - Panama City, FL Eric Maben - F, 6'7, 195 - Covington, TN

AROUND THE OVC...

AUSTIN PEAY (11-16 overall, 9-5 OVC): Austin Peay finds itself in a four-way logjam at second place in the Conference standings...Wins over Jacksonville State (73-65) and Samford (76-60) kept alive the Governors' hopes for at least a share of the OVC regular-season crown...APSU also dropped a non-conference meeting with East Tennessee State (85-81)...Senior G **Anthony Davis** shot just under 55 percent for the week, counting a career-high 27 points versus Samford among a 20.3 scoring average. A starter since early in his freshman season, Davis is tied with former teammate Nick Stapleton for most games started (110). He also moved into sixth place on the school's all-time scoring list (1,595 pts.)...After ranking near the bottom of the league in field goal shooting for much of the season, the Govs have converted 50 percent or better from the field in five of their last six OVC outings...Junior C **Zac Schlader** ended a four-game double-figure scoring drought with a career-high 27 points at ETSU while senior G/F **William Durden** grabbed a career-best 12 rebounds...Junior G **Maurice Hampton** has connected for 23 three-pointers on 53.5 shooting in the past six games...The Govs will also be vying for a first-round home game in the 2005 O'Reilly OVC Tournament when they travel to Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky.

EASTERN ILLINOIS (11-14 overall, 6-8 OVC): Eastern Illinois split last week's "Death Valley" road trip to hold on to the No. 8 spot in the OVC standings. The Panthers claimed a 73-71 win in overtime at Morehead State before losing a 74-72 last-second heartbreaker at Eastern Kentucky...Junior G **Josh Gomes** shot an impressive 60 percent for the week, including a 10-of-15 effort at Morehead State, while averaging 22.5 points a game to top 900 for his career. He has scored in double figures in all but three outings this season, including his last 12, and is third in the OVC in scoring (17.0 ppg)...Senior G **Emanuel Dildy** is second in the league in 3-point average (2.96 pg) while ranking seventh in 3-pt. FG shooting (40.4%). All 15 of his points at EKU were from long-range as he pushed his streak of double-figure scoring games to 10...The Panthers, who entered the week averaging 35.1 rebounds each time out, cleared at least 40 boards per contest, boasting an 83-57 advantage on the glass...EIU wraps up the regular season on its home turf, needing to win at least one of their games against UT Martin or Murray State to qualify for the 2005 O'Reilly OVC Tournament.

EASTERN KENTUCKY (17-8 overall, 9-5 OVC): Knotted up with three other teams in second place, Eastern Kentucky positioned itself for a shot at a share of the OVC regular-season crown with wins over Southeast Missouri (83-72) and Eastern Illinois (74-72)...The victories upped EKU's home record to 10-1 this season...Senior F **Michael Haney** recorded his league-tying seventh double-double (13 pts./10 rbds.) of the season (18th career) versus EIU. He shot a blistering 65 percent from the field (13-of-20) for the week while hitting 11-of-15 (73.3%) from the free throw line to average 18.5 points and 6.5 rebounds a game...Junior C **Alonzo Hird** turned in his best week of the season, averaging 16.0 points and 9.5 rebounds a game. He collected his third career double-double (12 pts./11 rbds.) against Southeast and netted a career-high 20 points in the EIU contest...Junior G **Matt Witt** has led or tied for the team lead in assists in 24 of 25 games thus far and ranks second in the OVC (6.48 apg)...The Colonels are 14-1 this season when holding opponents to less than 70 points...EKU will also be looking to secure a home site for the first round of the 2005 O'Reilly OVC Tournament when the Colonels visit Morehead State and host Austin Peay.

JACKSONVILLE STATE (7-20 overall, 2-12 OVC): Jacksonville State saw its hopes for postseason action dashed with road losses to Austin Peay (73-65) and Tennessee Tech (71-56)...Junior G Anthony Wilson was the team's scoring and rebounding leader last week, averaging 16.5 points and 8.5 boards a game while shooting 57.9 percent (11-of-19) from the field...Junior G B.J. Spencer tied the school record for made 3-pointers with a 7-of-8 effort in the APSU contest. He hit his first seven shots before finishing with the second-best 3-pt. FG percentage in JSU history (87.5%). For the week, Spencer averaged 15.5 points a game while hitting 52.4 percent from the floor, including going 9-of-14 from long-range (64.3%)...Freshman F Brandon Davis contributed 24 points and 14 rebounds in the two games...Junior G Walker Russell has 206 handouts in 2004-05, ranking him ninth on the league's single-season assists chart. He leads the Conference in assists (7.63 apg), and through games of Feb. 7, was third nationally...The Gamecocks are 0-11 on the road this season and have lost 17 straight games on an opponent's home turf dating back to the 2003-04 campaign. They will be looking to end the year on a high note when they close out the 2004-05 slate at Samford and Tennessee State.

MOREHEAD STATE (11-14 overall, 5-9 OVC): Morehead State kept its postseason hopes alive with a split in OVC play last week. After dropping a 73-71 heartbreaker in overtime to Eastern Illinois, the Eagles bounced back to claim a decisive 88-66 victory over Southeast Missouri...Senior C/F Chad McKnight torched the nets with 72.7 percent floor shooting (16-of-22) for 22.5 points and 4.0 rebounds a game, including a career-high 31 points against EIU. He has hit 41 of his last 53 field goal attempts (77.4%) and ranks fifth in the OVC with a 16.5 scoring average...Junior G Quinton Smith's 7-of-14 effort from 3-point range was part of an overall 52.2 percent shooting performance as he chipped in a 17.0 points a game...Senior G Ramon Kelly did a little bit of everything, posting 30 points, 14 caroms, seven assists and six steals in the two contests...The Eagles shot a combined 51.9 percent from the field and 82.2 percent from the foul line. They top the OVC with a 75.5 conversion rate at the stripe...Ninth-place Morehead State hosts Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee Tech in final regular-season action, needing to win both to have a chance at postseason play.

MURRAY STATE (15-10 overall, 9-5 OVC): Murray State remained in the thick of the OVC race, rolling a split in Conference road action with an 80-56 win at Tennessee-Martin and a 74-68 loss at Tennessee State. The Racers also claimed a victory in their first ESPN Bracket Buster Saturday appearance, rallying for a 69-63 victory at Rice...Sophomore G Trey Pearson averaged 19.0 points and 5.0 assists per game while shooting 52.7 percent from the field...Junior C Pearson Griffith registered back-to-back career-highs, netting 12 points at UT Martin and topping that with 14 points at TSU...Freshman reserve F Shane Dansby tossed in a career-high 15 points against the Skyhawks...The loss to TSU ended a 12-game win streak versus the Tigers...A 28-2 run by Murray State in the second period at UT Martin broke a 29-29 halftime tie...The Racers matched a season-high with 11 three-pointers at Rice, rallying for the win after trailing by eight with less than six minutes to play...Part of the four-way second-place juggernaut, Murray State closes out the regular-season schedule at Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois, still hoping for a first-round home game in the 2005 O'Reilly OVC Tournament.

SAMFORD (14-11 overall, 9-5 OVC): After dropping back-to-back outings at Austin Peay (76-60) and Tennessee Tech (70-62), Samford now finds itself clumped together with three other teams in second place, still hoping for a chance at a share of the OVC regular-season crown...Senior F and top scorer **J. Robert Merritt** is closing in on a personal milestone. With 983 career points and a 16.3 scoring average this season, Merritt is on the verge of becoming the 17th player in school history to top the 1,000-point plateau. He canned six 3-pointers last week and leads the league with a 3.08 trey average while boasting a 44.3 conversion rate behind the arc (2nd in the OVC)..After hitting a scorching 70 percent of its field attempts (including 10-of-15 from 3-point range) to hold a 38-26 halftime lead at Tech, Samford managed just three more treys and 26.9 percent shooting over the final 20 minutes en route to the loss...The Bulldogs are among several teams jockeying for a first-round home game for the 2005 O'Reilly OVC Tournament. They host Jacksonville State before looking to end a fourgame road losing streak in their regular-season finale at Tennessee State.

AROUND THE OVC...

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (13-12 overall, 8-6 OVC): Southeast Missouri saw its seven-game win streak come to a halt with back-to-back road losses at Eastern Kentucky (83-72) and Morehead State (88-66)...The setback at EKU was also Southeast's first loss under its new Redhawk moniker...Senior F Dainmon Gonner turned in consecutive 23-point scoring efforts while also pulling down a total of 10 rebounds...Senior F Reggie Golson pumped in 28 points at EKU, going 10-of-17 from the field and 8-of-12 at the foul line, and pushed his double-figure scoring streak to 16 games with 11 points against the Eagles...Freshman point guard Paul Paradoski dished out eight assists with only one turnover last week and continues to boast the league's top assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.69...The sixth-place Redhawks are still in contention for a first-round home game of the 2005 O'Reilly OVC Tournament. They wrap up the regular-season slate at home against Murray State and Tennessee-Martin

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (6-19 overall, 3-11 OVC): Tenth-place UT Martin saw its chance for postseason action disappear last week, despite posting a 1-1 record on the road. The Skyhawks dropped an 80-56 decision at Murray State, then bounced back for a 74-68 triumph at Tennessee State... Junior F **Jared Newson** paced the team with 19.5 points and 6.0 rebounds a game...The win at TSU snapped the Tigers' five-game home win streak and marked UT Martin's fifth straight victory in the Gentry Center...Two of **Will Lewis'** four double-doubles this season have come at TSU's expense as the sophomore forward tallied 13 points and 10 boards in last week's meeting...Junior G **Aaron Ferrell** netted a career-high 10 points versus the Tigers... Senior G **Justin Smith** is two 3-pointers shy (62) of moving into the school's Top 10 list...The Skyhawks close out their season at Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

TENNESSEE STATE (12-16 overall, 7-7 OVC): Tennessee State kicked off its final homestand with a 74-68 triumph over Murray State, but ended the weekend on a low note with a 74-68 loss to Tennessee-Martin...The win over the Racers' was the Tigers' first in 13 meetings...Junior F **Eric King** converted 12-of-15 field goal attempts while pumping in a season-high 27 points and grabbing eight rebounds versus Murray State...Sophomore G **Bruce Price** added 23 points in the win over the Racers...Against UT Martin, a pair of five-minute scoring droughts and a 1-of-7 free throw effort down the stretch told the tale as the Tigers saw their five-game win home streak come to an end...Seventh-place TSU remains hopeful for a home berth in the first round of the 2005 O'Reilly OVC Tournament when Samford and Jacksonville State visit the Gentry Center for the final week of regular-season play.

TENNESSEE TECH (15-10 overall, 10-4 OVC): Tennessee Tech moved one step closer to claiming the 2004-05 OVC regular-season title outright with wins over Jacksonville State (71-56) and Samford (70-62)...In just two years, senior F **Willie Jenkins** has managed to become the 28th player in school history to top the 1,000-point plateau. He reached the milestone with 31 points against JSU, his third 30-point game of the season. Jenkins finished the week averaging 27.5 points and 5.0 rebounds a game, while also recording a career-high six steals against Samford...Thursday's win over JSU was the 900th victory for the Tech program...The Golden Eagles can clinch a share of their third OVC regular-season title in five years with a win over Austin Peay or Morehead State this week. Two victories would give Tech sole possession of the crown as well as the top seed for the 2005 O'Reilly OVC Tournament.

DOWN TO THE WIRE: What has shaped up to be arguably one of the closest races in Conference history comes down to the wire this week. At 10-4, **Tennessee Tech** has the inside track on capturing the OVC regular-season title outright, but a misstep could have the Golden Eagles sharing the crown with as many as five other teams when all the dust settles.

IT'S ALL ACADEMIC: Southeast Missouri's **Derek Winans** and Austin Peay teammates **Zac Schlader** and **Levi Carmichael** were recently named to the ESPN *The Magazine* Academic All-District teams. All three were first-team picks and are now eligible for the All-America ballot, which will be announced March 2...Winans is making his second straight appearance on the all-district squad after earning All-America honors a year ago, while Schlader and Carmichael are first-year honorees...APSU has had an academic all-district selection for four straight years as former Govs standout Rhet Wierzba made the team in each of the last three seasons.

JENKINS TABBED ALL-DISTRICT: Tennessee Tech's **Willie Jenkins** has been named to the All-District squad for the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC)..The senior forward ranks second in the league in scoring (91.4 ppg) and fifth in rebounding (6.9 rpg)

WORKING OVERTIME: Ohio Valley Conference teams have been a part of 18 overtime contests this season, 12 of which have occurred in OVC action. Each squad has played extra minutes on at least one occasion with **Austin Peay** boasting a league-high five OT outings while **Tennessee State** and **Tennessee Tech** follow with four apiece...APSU has the most overtime games in OVC play (four) while TSU sports the highest number in non-conference action (three)...There have been two double-overtime contests thus far in 2004-05, with TSU beating **Southeast Missouri** (105-101) and **Jacksonville State** topping Tech (88-87).

OVC TOURNEY ON ESPN: The semifinal and championship games of the 2005 O'Reilly OVC Men's Basketball Tournament will all be televised live on the ESPN network. The first men's semifinal, set for 5:30 p.m. CDT on Fri., March 4, will be carried on ESPN FULLCOURT, while the second semifinal contest at 8 p.m. CDT will serve as the inaugural broadcast on ESPNU, a new multi-media college sports initiative featuring a 24-hour television network. In addition, the men's championship game will be aired Sat., March 5 on ESPN2 at 3 p.m. CDT.

OVC IN 2004-05 NCAA RANKINGS

(Through games of Feb. 14)

TOP-25 INDIVIDUAL

SCORING

Dainmon Gonner, SEMO - 20th (20.2 ppg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Chad McKnight, MOR - 4th (63.3%) Michael Haney, EKU - 9th (61.9%)

3-PT. FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

J. Robert Merritt, SAM - 16th (44.4%)

3-PT. FIELD GOAL AVERAGE

J. Robert Merritt, SAM - t15th (3.1 pg)

<u>ASSISTS</u>

Walker Russell, JSU - 3rd (7.8 apg) Matt Witt, EKU - t19th (6.3 apg)

<u>STEALS</u>

Dainmon Gonner, SEMO - 10th (2.9 spg)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG %

Chad McKnight, MOR - 1st (100%, 10-10) Alonzo Hird, EKU - t10th (90.9%, 10-11)

BEST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT. FG%

B.J. Spencer, JSU - 4th (87.5%, 7-8) Maurice Hampton, APSU - t18th (70%, 7-10)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FT %

Trey Pearson, MUR - t1st (100%, 13-13) Willie Jenkins, TTU - t1st (100%, 11-11)

TOP-25 TEAM

SCORING DEFENSE

Samford - 12th (59.2 ppg)

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Samford - 11th (49.8%)

3-PT. FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Samford - 3rd (42.0%)

Southeast Missouri - 19th (39.8%)

3-PT. FIELD GOAL AVERAGE

Samford - 9th (9.0 pg)

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Samford - t12th (75.0%) Morehead State - 19th (74.8%)

FEWEST TURNOVERS

Samford - 15th (12.2 tpg)

MOST SINGLE-GAME POINTS

Jacksonville State - t19th (112 pts.)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FG PERCENTAGE

Austin Peay - t13th (66%, 31-47)

MOST SINGLE-GAME 3-PT. FG MADE

Jacksonville State - t13th (16)

BEST SINGLE-GAME FT PERCENTAGE

Tennessee State - 15th (95.7%, 22-23)

OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER:

N 22 - Walker Russell, Jacksonville State N 29 - J. Robert Merritt, Samford D 6 - Bruce Price, Tennessee State D 13 - Reggie Golson, Southeast Missouri D 20 - Rod Flowers, Tennessee State J 3 - Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech J 10 - Shawn Witherspoon, Murray State J 17 - Dainmon Gonner, Southeast Missouri J 24 - J. Robert Merritt, Samford J 31 - Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky F 7 - Walker Russell, Jacksonville State F 14 - Reggie Golson, Southeast Missouri

NEWCOMER:

F 28 -

N 22 - Rod Flowers, Tennessee State N 29 - Rod Flowers, Tennessee State D 6 - Rod Flowers, Tennessee State D 13 - Zach Ingles, Eastern Kentucky D 20 - Rod Flowers, Tennessee State J 3 - Darnell Hopkins, Murray State J 10 - Issian Redding, Murray State J 17 - Derek Stribling, Tennessee Tech J 24 - Derek Stribling, Tennessee Tech J 31 - Trey Pearson, Murray State F 7 - Wayne Arnold, Tennessee State F 14 - Issian Redding, Murray State F 21 - Alonzo Hird, Eastern Kentucky

F 21 - Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech

F 28 -

FRESHMAN: N 22 - Anthony Fisher, Tennessee Tech N 29 - Paul Paradoski, Southeast Missouri D 6 - Derek Wright, Austin Peay D 13 - Bobby Catchings, Eastern Illinois D 20 - Dorien Brown, Jacksonville State J 3 - Dorien Brown, Jacksonville State J 10 - Amadi McKenzie, Tennessee Tech J 17 - Reiley Ervin, Tennessee State J 24 - Reiley Ervin, Tennessee State J 31 - Brandon Davis, Jacksonville State F 7 - Joe Ross Merritt, Samford F 14 - Brandon Davis, Jacksonville State F 21 - Brandon Davis, Jacksonville State F 28 -

OVC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

(Through games of Feb. 20)

SCORING Anthony Davis, Austin Peay Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri Roshaun Bowens, Tennessee State Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech J. Robert Merritt, Samford Brett Hale, Southeast Missouri Chad McKnight, Morehead State Bruce Price, Tennessee State	PTS 1,595 1,470 1,430 1,205 1,198 1,030 983 950 938 899	STEALS Anthony Davis, Austin Peay Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin Walker Russell, Jacksonville State Keyon Boyd, Tennessee Tech Roshaun Bowens, Tennessee State Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky Bruce Price, Tennessee State Maurice Hampton, Austin Peay	STL 189 148 147 116 112 109 104 104 100 97
REBOUNDS Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky Roshaun Bowens, Tennessee State Anthony Davis, Austin Peay Chad McKnight, Morehead State Willie Jenkins, Tennessee Tech Jared Newson, Tennessee-Martin J. Robert Merritt, Samford Andy Gobczynski, Eastern Illinois Milone Clark, Tennessee Tech Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin	REB 726 601 514 424 373 337 332 328 318 283	BLOCKED SHOTS Reggie Golson, Southeast Missouri Zac Schlader, Austin Peay Roshaun Bowens, Tennessee State Anthony Davis, Austin Peay Will Lewis, Tennessee-Martin Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky Alonzo Hird, Eastern Kentucky Rod Flowers, Tennessee State George Tandy, Eastern Illinois Jonathan Jones, Tennessee Tech	BLK 73 55 50 41 38 37 37 36 35
ASSISTS Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky Walker Russell, Jacksonville State Anthony Davis, Austin Peay Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri Jeremy Kelly, Tennessee-Martin Keyon Boyd, Tennessee Tech Tyler George, Tennessee-Martin Bruce Price, Tennessee State Michael Haney, Eastern Kentucky Quinton Smith, Morehead State	AST 466 370 275 273 234 225 199 199 197 185	3-POINTERS MADE Derek Winans, Southeast Missouri Ben Rushing, Eastern Kentucky J. Robert Merritt, Samford Matt Witt, Eastern Kentucky Brett Hale, Southeast Missouri Earl Bullock, Tennessee-Martin Anthony Davis, Austin Peay Bruce Price, Tennessee State Maurice Hampton, Austin Peay Jon Mills, Samford	3's 214 197 183 177 159 152 137 125 123 90

OVC STATISTICS RANKINGS - THROUGH FEB. 20

	SCORING	SCORING	FREE	FIELD	THREE-	REBOUND
<u>TEAM</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	DEFENSE	THROW %	GOAL %	POINT %	MARGIN
Austin Peay	9	3	8	9	8	8
Eastern Illinois	7	8	3	7	3	4
Eastern Kentucky	3	4	9	2	7	3
Jacksonville State	6	9	4	8	5	6
Morehead State	10	7	1	5	10	7
Murray State	4	2	11	6	4	2
Samford	11	1	2	1	1	11
Southeast Missouri	5	5	6	4	2	9
Tennessee-Martin	8	10	10	11	11	10
Tennessee State	1	11	7	10	9	5
Tennessee Tech	2	6	5	3	6	1